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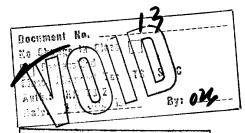
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- In early August the Seoul People's Committee was urging citizens to evacuate the city. On 1 August there was a rumor in Seoul that the government planned to evacuate half the population to North Korea. The first orders of evacuation were issued between 27 July and 5 August for the Chungku (Central District) and Namsan areas. It is rumored that evacuation district by district will follow, with about 20 percent of the evacuees going to North Korea and the rest to other areas.
- On 4 August two battalions of North Korean security troops were in Seoul; a few were on the streets, mostly at gun positions. There was a total of 25 AA guns in the Seoul area; the locations included the following: Namsan; on the hill near the tram terminal at Noryangjin; the field adjacent to the Mapo police station; the hill behind the Yonhi radio station; and the hill which was the former site of the ROK army bank unit in Changchundan Park.
- On the night of 12 August 30 ox wagons loaded with rice, and six trucks loaded with ammunition and gasoline were observed between Ichon and Umsong. On the night of 20 August a number of trucks passed through Visong (128-42, 36-21) from the direction of Andong (128-44, 36-34) toward Kunwi (128-33, 36-14); 12 were loaded with ammunition, the rest with guerrilla troops. A similar convoy was observed at Koesan (127-47, 36-48). All convoys were without lights except when passing through an area destroyed by UN air raids.



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